Russian Blue, cool things to know

The Russian blue is a breed of cat very well known for its unique *"double coat"*. Russian blue is a royal breed, descendant from the cats of Russian Czars and favorite pet of to the noble families of Europe in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Their elegant look certainly has something royal in it. Tall, slim, with great fur and vivid green eyes.

History

As we've said before the Russian blue is believed to originated from Russia, from Arkhangelsk to be exact. The myth says that sailors who traveled there, brought them to Europe. The first appearance of Russian blue in Europe happened at the Crystal Palace in England in 1875.

The breed was not popular in the cat shows because of its shy and easily startled-frightened personality. They almost extinct during the World War 2. The few breeders who liked Russian blues did anything they could to keep the breed alive. Many cross-breeds happened during this period with Siameses and British Short-Hairs.

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Eventually the war ended and breeders manage to bring the breed back to its original shape. But their popularity didn’t rise until some breeders decided to make the Russians compatible for cat shows. They breded the less easily frightened cats and they were familiarizing them in the sounds of cat shows by playing them recorded sounds from the shows. The technique worked and Russian blues started to gain popularity in Europe and United States. Today as of this writing (2014) Russian blue cats are well known but not extremely popular breed. Some interesting websites pop up here and there about them lately.

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Temperament and Personality

Apart from their elegant looks Russian blues stand out for their amazing personalities. You see even though they are shy and frightened with strangers, they love being around their family. If you happen to have a Russian blue in your house you will receive lots of affection and love. They will form strong bonds with every member of the family and they will have one *"special person"* with whom the bond will be way stronger.

Russian blues are very empathetic to human emotions, they will always try to cheer you up if you are in a blue mood. They are also very playful and some people say that they are among the most intelligent breed of cats.

They want to be considered equal parts of the family and don’t like to be neglected. If your Russian approaches you full of joy to play with you give him some time, if you neglect him too often he will feel rejected and he will be hurt.

Given that you don’t neglect them, Russian blues have no problem to be left alone for hours, they can entertain themselves easily. Of course they will be happy when you return home and they will give you a welcome back.

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